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Student Life offers Leadership series

by Jennifer Hawthorne

Workshops concerning student leadership are being offered by the Office of Student Life. The sessions are open to all students and are specifically geared to help those who are involved in Avila's clubs, organizations and committees.

"Organizations: A Key To Effective Meetings and Communication" will be presented by Tom Lease tomorrow from 3:30-5:00 p.m. This is a session offering hints, formats and guides for making the most of meetings. Topics to be discussed include how to prepare for meetings, keep them moving, and make them meaningful. Clues and systems for effective and efficient communication will

also be discussed.

Another workshop will be held from 8:00-10:00 p.m. November 17. Tom Lease will also be leading this session entitled "Motivating Yourself, Your Membership, and Potential Members." It will deal with systems and ideas to achieve and sustain excitement about your group's tasks and roles. Motives for why members are involved and how their expectations can be met will also be examined.

Both sessions will be conducted in the Barefoot Room in Marian Centre. More information can be obtained from the Office of Student Life in Marian Centre.

Art lectures and exhibits for November

by Jennifer Hawthorne

As Mother Nature paints the countryside with her autumn palette, you may find yourself leaning to artistic interests. If so, there will be two Thornhill Art Lectures held this month which you may attend free of charge.

"Main Event" featured Friday

by Denise Kaufman

Barbra Streisand and Ryan O'Neal battle it out in the knockout comedy, "The Main Event". Streisand portrays a bankrupt perfume manufacturer who contracts an unknown small-time boxer as a tax write-off. Love blooms after she becomes his manager while trying to get him back into the ring. Be sure and catch this dynamite tale of boxing and romance on Friday, November 5 at 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. in the Marian Centre Lounge and see how the winners stack up!

After a fatal car accident a young woman regains life and makes a shocking discovery about herself. She learns she has the power to heal by touch. Ellen Burstyn, Sam Shepard, and Eva Le Galliene star in the intense drama "Resurrection". This controversial tale dealing with the subject of holistic healing, will be shown on November 12 at 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. in the Marian Centre Lounge.

by Sister Patricia Gillespie

A student retreat will be held on Sunday, November 7, in Whitfield Center from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The retreat experience will provide students the opportunity for quiet reflection which will enable them to deepen their Christian commitment.

Students involved in planning the day have chosen as a theme, "The Way to Peace — An Inner Journey". This theme was chosen because students expressed a concern about a Christian understanding of peace, that is, with the way to achieve inner



Kathy Hale keeps score at SUB's recent Midnight Bowl. Over 100 people from Avila participated.

Potts, Wheeler speak on involvement in political issues

by Mark Johnson

"Our system works at its optimum when grass roots people are involved in the system," said Independence Mayor Barbara Potts in a recent political seminar held at Avila.

Also speaking at the seminar was former Kansas City Mayor Dr. Charles Wheeler. Wheeler said the most important weapon in politics today is still word of mouth. He said it is especially effective at the local level.

Potts also said on political involvement that one must work at becoming informed. On the local level she said there was no reason for not meeting the candidate in person and finding out where they stand on the issues as opposed to listening to all the television commercials.

She continued by saying two other sources of information about the issues and candidates were the editorial pages of local papers and the League of Women Voters which provides information about both sides of an issue and all the candidates.

Wheeler has also been involved in local politics. He said he enjoyed local politics and the eyeball-to-eyeball contact it provides with the constituents.

He also talked about the growing role of women in local and national politics.

Women, he said are likely to change an important aspect in the political process. As their involvement increases the aggressiveness that has long been associated with politics is likely to decrease he concluded.

The former mayor also feels that the urban condition of cities will determine the future direction of the country.

An interesting contrast was provided with the two speakers as one was an independent and the other was a party member.

The party member, Wheeler, briefly discussed the country and how it runs with the bi-partisan system.

Potts, the independent, talked about how she initially became involved in politics, discussing the singular issue that drew her into the system.

There was a stretch of road

considered dangerous by those who drove it and by those who lived nearby. Deaths along that stretch were not that uncommon an occurrence. One day death struck close to home and that was the start of her involvement.

For a long time she had wondered why "they" did not do something about the road. Then she realized that she could be one of them and get something done. From that point on she became more involved in politics and eventually reached her current position which she says she is very satisfied with.

In closing the seminar, Wheeler urged those in attendance to learn how to analyze the issues and the candidates.

The seminar, which was entitled "Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Politics But Were Afraid To Ask," was presented in conjunction with the Commission on the Status of Women.

Co-coordinators for the seminar were Gilda Manning and Sister Joan Lampton from Avila.

New Ambassadors selected for 1982-83

by Denise Kaufman

Ten new Ambassadors have been selected for the 1982-83 academic year. The Avila Ambassadors is a selectively chosen group of men and women who act as hosts and hostesses of Avila College. As an extension of the Admissions Office, these students give campus tours, host prospective students, and act as host/hostesses at college receptions and functions.

Students were selected after filling out an application and having a personal interview with the group's sponsor, Deb Lewis, and members of the Admissions staff. All

Ambassadors are required to have completed one semester at Avila and have at least a 2.5 GPA.

So far this semester, the club has worked at a Continuing Education seminar, Booster Club events, and Homecoming activities. The new Ambassadors include: Linda Bernskoetter, Arleen Portell, Lori Connors, Jennifer McKenna, Carolyn Seiter, Deb Wilding, Tim LaBeau, John Purpura, Karen Aubuchon, Judy Beiriger, and head Ambassador Denise Kaufman.

Christian retreat Sun.

Editorial Notebook

Examine issues, answers

Issues and answers. One must examine the one to discover the other. As voters head toward the polls across the nation this week one can only hope they have followed this adage.

In the past two decades it has become extremely easy for others to tell us how to vote on issues and candidates. If all the sides claimed were true we would either be living in Camelot or down in the dumps.

Yet neither side can give just the facts without a bit of enhancement here and a touch of fantasy there. The candidates and issues conveniently come to us on television, in the newspapers, and yard signs. To find the facts of an issue and the position of a candidate requires more effort, though, than sit-

ting through the commercials or reading the ads.

It requires time and care. For local candidates one can take an evening and meet the candidates at local forums throughout the city. This gives one the chance to talk to the candidate and find out where he stands on the issues. For local issues such as the 1/2¢ sales tax and the road repair bill one can look at the actual proposals in writing along with opinions from both sides. The League of Women Voters is another place to look for assistance in weighing one's choices.

After all has been said and done the voter in the end must make the final decision. With some work, his vote can be an educated and an important one.

by Denise Kaufman

As students are caught up in the rigors of academic life, we may tend to lose sight of what is happening in the world around us. We forget that each year thousands of children are forced to live a life of poverty, dying from disease and starvation. Although we forget, the Avila Mission Club remembers.

"The Mission Club is an expression of love for our neighbors near and far," the club's advisor, Sister Ann Dominic Tassone said. "Our purpose is to engender an awareness of the universal brotherhood of man."

This organization is composed of a president and eleven active members who give much time and effort to this worthy cause. They spon-

sor three activities a year to raise funds for the poor. Meetings are held prior to each event.

The first project is called Mission Sunday in October. In this fund-raising event, the club sells baked goods and reduced price gift items to Avila students. The contributions are allocated so that 51% is for Foreign Missions in Asia, Africa, South America and Pacific Islands; 40% to the Home Missions in the United States and 9% to the Near East Missions in the Holy Land and parts of India.

The Christmas sale which will be held the week prior to Thanksgiving will give stu-

dents the opportunity to purchase specially priced gift items and home baked holiday cookies. The proceeds will go to help the underprivileged and Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in Latin America.

The needy of Bolivia will benefit from the donations collected from the third project which is the sale of an afghan.

By working with the Mission Club you are not only helping yourself but helping others. If you are interested in becoming part of the Mission Club contact Sister Ann Dominic Tassone at 942-8400 ext. 236.

Applications are now being accepted for the Avila Examiner position of Managing Editor. Some newspaper (high school or college) experience is required.

Applicants must be an Avila student, full or part-time, with enough time to assign articles to reporters, draw page layouts, write headlines and coordinate the bi-monthly issues.

Interested students may contact Deb Volkmer, Assistant Director of Student Life, 942-8400, Ext. 227.

Avila hosts Brazilian educators

Under sponsorship of the Partners of the Americas program, Brazilian educators Maria Sousa and Otilia Seiffert were guests of Avila's art division during September.

As part of the Partners of the Americas program, Mis-

souri and its sister state, Para, Brazil, have developed exchange programs in many areas including education, public health, agriculture, trade and investment, and cultural exchange.

Next summer Avila profes-

sor, Sr. Barbara Moore plans to continue the health exchange efforts as a program developer in Para.

France excursion to visit many sights

by Denise Kaufman

A trip to France could make a Spring Break something that you will never forget. The Avila French department is sponsoring a nine day trip to France during the February 27 to March 6 Spring vacation.

The student will have the opportunity to travel through the French countryside visiting such exciting sites as the Eiffel Tower, Champs Elysees in Paris and the Royal Chapel and Hall of Mirrors in Versailles. Additional historical sites and the beautiful scenery of many other French cities will be toured as well.

The cost of this trip is \$939 which includes roundtrip air fare from New York to Paris, all sightseeing activities, tips, taxes and gratuities, continental breakfast and dinner, and hotel accommodations. The price of transportation from Kansas City to New York will be an added cost.

The trip is open to all Avila students. One does not have to be a French major or have a strong command of the French language to attend. For more information contact Virginia May at 942-8400 ext. 256.

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Bloodmobile Drive

Remember the Bloodmobile will be in Marian Centre Lounge from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today. Appointments are scheduled, but walk-in donors are gladly welcomed. The Bloodmobile is sponsored by the Avila Student Nursing Organization and the Avila Medical Technology Student Association.

Trivia Winners

Congratulations to the Carondelet Third Floor Trivia Team who won their floor a toaster oven in the Residence Hall Government Trivia Bowl October 24.

France Trip Meeting

All who plan to participate in the Feb. 25-March 6, 1983 trip to France must attend a meeting, November 1 in Room 505 Whitfield at noon. Contact Virginia May, Ext. 216, if unable to attend this meeting.

Feast of All Saints

November 1 is the Feast of All Saints and a holy day of obligation for Catholics. Mass will be at noon, today, in Foyle Hall. All faculty, staff and students are welcome to join in this celebration.

On Campus Recruiters

On Thursday, November 18 an employment recruiter from Kansas City Life Insurance Co. will be on campus to interview students interested in a Sales Management Trainee position. Contact Mary Jean Costello in the Human Resources Center, Lower Blasco Hall, Ext. 266 or 270.

Homecoming Dance Note

In a letter to the SUB Dance Committee concerning the disc jockey not appearing, representatives of Sound Dynamics wrote: "Sound Dynamics accepts full responsibility for the mishap. We offer our most sincere apologies. And, although it is understood that by the nature of its uniqueness in time and place, an event cannot be re-staged, we humbly offer a Sound Dynamics sound and lighting show, free of charge, anytime at your convenience."

"Once again, a sincere and personal apology to Nancy Haddad (SUB Dance Committee Coordinator) and Avila College."

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Letters to the Editors are always welcome.



Two mysteries come to Avila

by Jennifer Hawthorne

Often the drama behind the various crews meet to footlights is just as interesting as the play itself. First, the stage, publicity, and other as-director selects a play, such as *The Medium* to be presented. Lastly, opening night arrives. Hopefully all loose ends are tied together and the Alternate Theater. Then, actors present their "handscripts are ordered and distributed" to the scrutiny of the bated. While they are being audience.

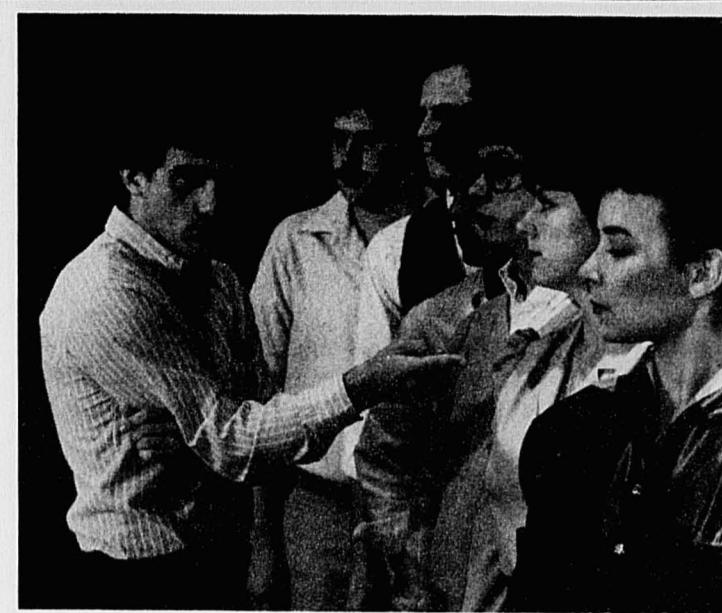
studied the director blocks or Be sure to be part of the plans all the movements of audience this Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. in the Alternate Theater to see *The Medium*. This short chamber op-

Finally, rehearsal begins. era is a murder mystery about At least one hundred hours of a fake medium who plays rehearsal is needed to prepare a full-length play for no longer play. A seance production. During this time turns into a nightmare in this

chilling tale of the macabre.

Admission for non-Avila students is \$3.00. All Avila students receive a VIP complimentary ticket. It can be obtained at the ALT box office on the night of the performance.

The Goppert Theatre will present "The Mousetrap" by Agatha Christie on Nov. 12, 13, 19, and 20 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets to this murder mystery are \$5 for Adults and \$4 for (non-Avila— students and Senior Citizens. Avila students receive one complimentary ticket upon presenting their I.D. at the box office.



Whodunit? Sergeant Trotter (William Arndt III) confronts the suspects in Agatha Christie's murder mystery, *The Mousetrap*, Nov. 12, 13, 19, and 20 at 8 P.M. For reservations call the box office at 942-8408, ext. 290.

1982 Intramural Schedule

Co-ed Volleyball

NOV. 2 ASNO vs Rob Brown
Master Spikers vs Marvelous Mabees
4 SUB vs Marvelous Mabees
Master Spikers vs Rob Brown
8 SUB vs Rob Brown
ASNO vs Master Spikers
9 SUB vs ASNO
Rob Brown vs Marvelous Mabees
11 SUB vs Master Spikers
Marvelous Mabees vs ASNO
15 ASNO vs Rob Brown
Master Spikers vs Marvelous Mabees
16 SUB vs Marvelous Mabees
Master Spikers vs Rob Brown
18 SUB vs Marvelous Mabees
ASNO vs Master Spikers
22 ASNO vs SUB
Marvelous Mabees vs Rob Brown
29 SUB vs Master Spikers
Marvelous Mabees vs ASNO
DEC. 2 ASNO vs Rob Brown
Master Spikers vs Marvelous Mabees
6 Marvelous Mabees vs SUB
Master Spikers vs ASNO
7 SUB vs Rob Brown
9 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENT

*ALL GAMES ARE TO BE PLAYED AT 7:30 P.M.

MBA program achieves growth, balance, diversity

Growth, balance and diversity characterize the Avila College Master of Business Administration program, which is now in its fifth year.

Steady growth in the MBA program has been obtained since Avila first received approval in 1978 from the North Central Accrediting Association to offer a masters degree in business. Fifty persons have been granted the degree in the first four years of accreditation and the 1982 fall enrollment of 143 students represents a new record high.

A special effort has been made in developing the curriculum to provide good balance in the learning experiences. Attention is given to the further development of quantitative, human behavior, and oral and written communication skills in addition to studying the traditional functional areas of business, policy formulation, decision making, and strategy formulation. A balance of learning experiences is provided via lectures, discussions, seminars, case courses, and independent studies. Like most MBA programs today, a thesis is not required, but a research project may be elected.

The Avila program, like other MBA programs throughout the United States, admits stu-

dents with non-business bachelors' degrees as well as students who have studied business and economics previously. Specific courses and hours required vary in relation to the background and career objectives of the individual students. However, the majority of the study programs fall within the range of 24-48 hours.

Students entering the program from non-business backgrounds pursue graduate courses relating to the common body of knowledge of business administration prior to entering the principal courses in the program, whereas students with bachelors degrees in business typically begin their studies in the more advanced courses.

Although conceptually the MBA is a broad general management degree, students are permitted to build into their programs a modest degree of specialization consistent with their individual career objectives. Formal concentrations are provided in accounting, administration, business economics, finance and marketing. Courses are taught by a combination of full-time academic professionals and practicing business executives.

Dr. L. George Smith, program coordinator, believes

that the diversity of the students and faculty enriches the learning experiences. Student diversity relates to such things as age, sex, undergraduate major, and institution awarding the bachelor's degree. The overwhelming majority of the students work full time in a wide variety of firms and industries, thus adding another dimension of diversity.

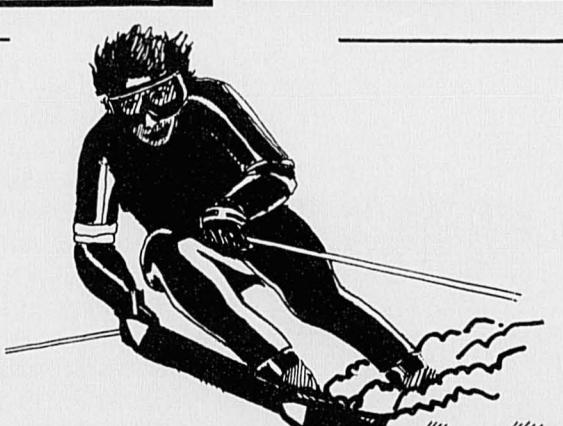
The average age of the students is 31, falling within the age range of 22 to 55. Fifty-six per cent are men; forty-four per cent female. Dr. Smith is particularly proud of the balance achieved between men and women involved in the program — a goal not so well achieved by many big-name schools.

Eighty-three per cent of the currently enrolled students hold bachelors degrees in business administration and accounting. The remaining degree candidates have backgrounds in such varied fields as engineering, education, basic sciences, humanities, health sciences and languages.

The majority of the students in the MBA program hold bachelors' degrees from other schools. Thirty-nine per cent are former Avila students. Degree holders from 71 other institutions are included in the MBA ranks.

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WEDNESDAY 8 TO 10:30 p.m.

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(\$5.00 per couple)
(Bring ad for free coke)



Information is now available in the Office of Student Life for the Ski Trip sponsored by Avila Intramurals

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If you've attended college on a Guaranteed Student Loan or a National Direct Student Loan made after October 1, 1975, consider spending a couple of years in the Army.

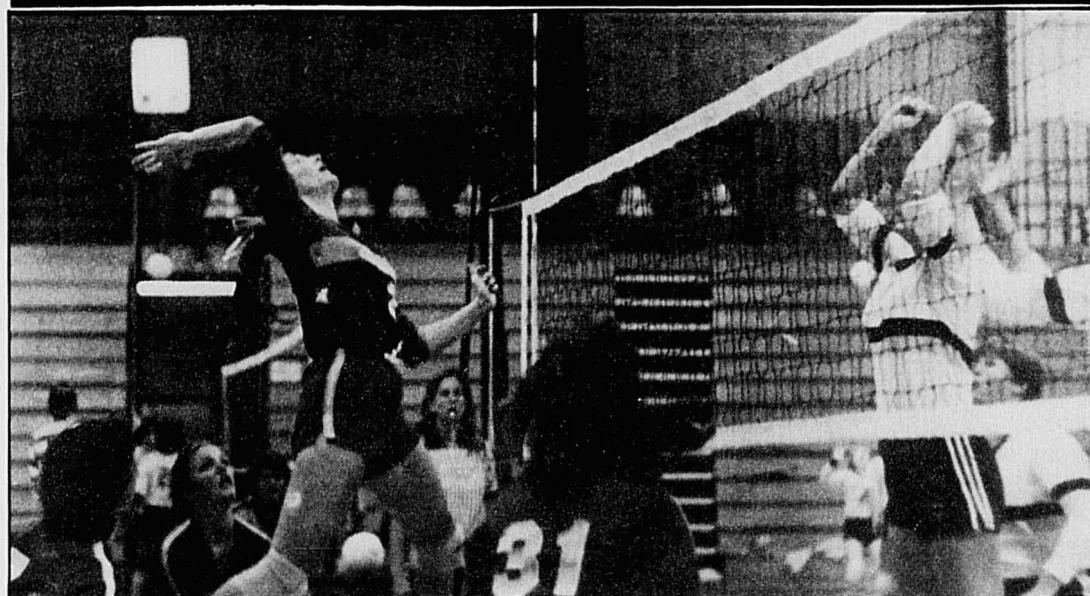
If you train for certain specialties, the government will release you from 1/3 of your indebtedness (or \$1,500, whichever is greater) for each year of active duty.

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Lady Avalanche downs Evangel; finishes season at Jewell

by Mark Johnson

The Lady Avalanche close their regular season play tomorrow night when they travel to William Jewell to face their District 16 rivals, the Cardinals. The results may play a role in determining which team advances toward the playoffs.

Avila took an important step toward the playoffs when they downed Evangel in three games 15-10, 2-15, 15-5.

In the first game Avila jumped out to an early 6-1 lead and then extended it to 12-4. Evangel responded by narrowing the gap to 12-9. Avila closed out the game at 15-10.

Evangel buried the Lady Avalanche in the second game by scoring the first seven points before Avila could get on the board.

Avila answered by coming back to win the deciding third game 15-5.

Longview surprised Avila in a scrimmage match by forcing them to go to three games to win 16-14, 13-15, 15-11.

UMKC handed Avila a loss in a best-of-five match by sweeping them in three straight games 15-10, 15-3, 15-13. The Kangaroos are ranked in the NAIA national volleyball poll.

The Lady Avalanche ran into another nationally ranked team when they traveled to the Missouri Western and played the tournament host. Western downed Avila 15-7, 15-1.

In other tournament mat-

ches Avila lost to Central Missouri State 15-6, 15-4; lost to Southwest Baptist 15-6, 15-11; lost to Benedictine 15-8, 15-9; and split with Peru State 13-15, 15-13.

The day before the tournament Avila hosted a trilateral match with District 16 opponents Missouri Southern and Park.

Missouri Southern downed Avila 15-7, 15-9. Match play followed the same pattern in the second game.

The Lady Avalanche rebounded from their opening loss by sinking the Park Pirates for the first time this year 15-13, 15-8. The picture for Avila didn't look too bright in the first game when Park jumped out to a 7-0 lead. A scrambling defense turned

the game around for Avila though and they were soon on top 11-8. Park mounted a comeback attempt but the Lady Avalanche held on to win 15-13.

Avila continued to use their scrambling defense and a solid front line in the second game to come out on top 15-11.

Pittsburg State spiked their way to a 15-1, 15-10, 16-14 win over Avila in a non-district match. The third game saw Avila come from behind several times before coming up two points short.

The playoff teams will be determined on their District 16 records and the caliber of the teams played. Missouri Western will be the host site of the playoffs this Friday and Saturday.

Joyce named head coach

Avila has announced the appointment of Dennis Joyce, former assistant men's basketball coach, as the new head Basketball Coach. Joyce takes over the position after playing two years and serving as the assistant coach at Avila for five years. He replaces Bill Waris who leaves Avila with a 129-96 lifetime record.

Joyce attended St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland, Ohio. His playing abilities there earned his All-City and All-Northeast Ohio honors. After a two-year stint in Junior College, he arrived at Avila in 1975. When his playing days were finished in

1977, he was appointed assistant coach, a position he has held until now.

Throughout the years he has used his "Cleveland" connection to bring players to Avila. Players from the Cleveland area currently on the roster are Marvin Sellers and Scott Friedman.

Serving as his assistants will be Mark Hatchett and Jim Donnelly, who finished their playing days for Avila last year.

The new head coach earned his degree in Psychology from Avila and a Masters in Business Administration from Rockhurst College. He and his wife have four children.

Basketball looks toward playoffs for 3rd straight year

The Avalanche will be striving to make the District 16 playoffs for the third consecutive year in the 1982-83 season.

Leading them toward their goal will be new head coach Dennis Joyce and their four returning lettermen; Marvin Sellers, Ralph Burton, Fred Haney and Scott Friedman. Joining these players the first semester will be Rich Murdoch, Curtis Nelson, Tom Bodenstab, Joe Medina and Tim Bagy.

Sellers, Haney and Burton will comprise the starting

front line for the Avalanche. All have a good shooting touch and experience on the boards. Between the three they will play a vital role in the leadership of the team. Friedman will hold down the point guard position for the Avalanche. With his two years of experience at the position he too should be a valuable asset to the team.

Bodenstab and Nelson come to Avila from nearby Truman High School. Coach Dennis Joyce says Nelson's strongest asset is his shot while Bodenstab is very

strong and one of the best all-around players he has seen come out of high school. Murdoch joins the Avila team after starting for two years at Penn Valley Community College. He is primarily an off-guard but could see some time at the point-guard position, said Joyce.

Medina is a freshmanguard with a good shooting touch according to Joyce and Bagby has the potential to be a solid all-around player.

Avila's team strength will lie in the coming of the second semester when four experi-

Avila shuts out Ravens; record stands at 11-3-1

by Mark Johnson

Craig Westbrook and Joe Schrick combined for three second half goals to give the Avalanche a 3-0 shutout victory over Benedictine.

The win improved Avila's record to 11-3-1 and came after a 3-2 loss to St. Louis University and a 2-2 tie with Ottawa.

Against Benedictine Avila was held scoreless in the first half for only the third time this season.

Schrick put Avila on the board first, with 25 minutes left in the game, when he drove in a shot in front of the Ravens' goal after taking a pass from Tom Zahner. Westbrook then scored his first of two goals when he scored on a pass from Larry Larson.

Westbrook's second goal came with minutes left in the game. He kicked the ball toward the goal from the right side and it rebounded in off a Benedictine player.

The shutout was the fourth of the season for goalie Tom Hampel and the sixth of the season for the Avila defense.

Avila had their nine-game unbeaten streak snapped when they traveled to St. Louis University. The Billikens broke a 1-1 tie in the last ten minutes with two quick goals. As he had in the Benedictine game, Westbrook scored the game's final goal. This time it came with less than a minute left. Schrick picked up the assist.

Neil Kelly gave Avila a 1-0 lead in the first half when he scored on a scramble play in front of SLU's goal. Schrick received the assist on Kelly's goal.

Ottawa nearly handed Avila a loss before they played SLU. It took a goal by Neil Madigan with five seconds left in the second overtime to salvage a tie. Zahner was awarded the assist on Madigan's goal.

Avila's first goal was scored by Joe Eppy with the assist coming from Schrick.

The tie against Ottawa did not drop Avila in the rankings as many had expected it would. They remained at No. 3 in the NAIA National Poll.

From the Bench

Making of the best

by Mark Johnson

The road to national championships is littered with talent laden teams who cared too little about others and their fans to use their talent in the way God intended it to be used. These teams and athletes laying alongside the road always seem to find plenty of excuses for their failures.

If one person is not at fault the other one is. There are always enough people around to blame their failures on. Baseball teams go through managers on a semi-monthly basis. Basketball teams fire coaches when players do not like their "style".

Injuries is another wonderful excuse. Teams with losses are quick to point out who could not play the day they lost. Everyone has injuries though. The quality of the

players coming off the bench can easily alleviate a team's losses in the injury department.

A loss to a lower caliber team can also derail a group on their way to a championship. The athletic annals hold numerous pages with teams who suffered upset losses and saw their seasons slide straight down the hill. Championship teams know they are not unbeatable and can rebound from an unexpected loss.

Other teams play part of the season at their highest ability and decide they simply do not care anymore. So much for their fans and those who play on the team and do care. It is their right and privilege to quit the team or simply not care anymore.

That is not the mark of a championship team however.

the Avalanche. His coach says he has learned the game well and seldom makes mistakes.

One of the keys could be the play of Larkin who can play the forward and center positions. His experience and leadership should be a big plus down the stretch.

Avila's head coach says the team's goals are to make the playoffs for the third straight year and improve on last year's 16-10 record. He is most impressed with the team's good attitude and their willingness to work hard.